

Claims

1. A microphone/ear-headphone unit (10) configured as one unit
5 with a microphone part (12) and an ear-headphone part (14) which
are arranged on the unit (10) such that when the unit (10) is used
as intended, the ear-headphone part (14) is arranged at or held
against the ear of a user while the microphone part (12) is arranged
10 near the user's mouth, wherein said unit (10) is arranged to be able
to be connected to a computer (16) in order to with the help of the
unit (10) enable conversational communication via the computer
(16), wherein the computer (16) is of the kind which at least also
can be connected to a loudspeaker (18), which can be a desk or
15 floor loudspeaker, or which has a built-in loudspeaker, character-
ised in that said unit (10) comprises a switching member (20) with
at least a first and a second switching state, wherein the unit (10) is
arranged such that, when the unit (10) is connected as intended to
said computer (16) and the switching member (20) is in said first
20 switching state, the unit (10) is connected for use for conversational
communication via the computer (16) such that said microphone
part (12) and said ear-headphone part (14) are active while said
desk or floor loudspeaker (18) or built-in loudspeaker is not active,
wherein in said second switching state at least said ear-headphone
25 part (14) is not active while said desk or floor loudspeaker (18) or
built-in loudspeaker is active.

2. A unit (10) according to claim 1, comprising a cable (22)
which on one hand is connected to or arranged to be connected to
said microphone part (12) and ear-headphone part (14) and on the
30 other hand is arranged to be connected at least to said computer
(16).

3. A unit (10) according to claim 2, wherein said cable (22) is
provided with at least a first contact member (31) and a second
35 contact member (32), wherein the first contact member (31) is ar-
ranged to be connected to the computer (16) and the second con-

tact member (32) is arranged to, for example via a further cable (24), be connected to said desk or floor loudspeaker (18).

4. A unit (10) according to claim 1, comprising a transmitter member (26) arranged such that the unit (10) can communicate in a wireless manner with said computer (16), wherein the transmitter member (26) is arranged such that when said switching member (20) is in or is being switched to said first switching state, the transmitter member (26) transmits a control signal to a corresponding receiver member (28) connected to the computer (16), such that the control signal ensures that when the switching member (20) is in the first switching state, the computer (16) is arranged such that the unit (10) is connected for use for conversational communication via the computer (16) while said desk or floor loudspeaker (18) or built-in loudspeaker is not active.

5. A unit (10) according to any of the preceding claims, arranged such that when the unit (10) is connected as intended with said computer (16) and the switching member (20) is in said first switching state, said microphone part (12) is active while a possible built-in microphone of the computer (16) or a separate microphone (36), with which the computer (16) is connected, is not active, wherein when the switching member (20) is in said second switching state, said microphone part (12) is not active while said possible built-in microphone of the computer (16) or said separate microphone (36), with which the computer (16) is connected, is active.

6. A unit (10) according to claim 3 and 5, wherein said cable (22) is provided also with a third contact member (33) and a fourth contact member (34), wherein the third contact member (33) is arranged to be connected to the computer (16) and the fourth contact member (34) is arranged to, for example via a further cable (38), be connected to said separate microphone (36).

7. A unit (10) according to claim 3 or 6, wherein said first contact member (31) is a male contact (41) of standard type which is configured to be plugged into a corresponding female contact which

constitutes the loudspeaker input terminal of the computer (16), wherein said second contact member (32) is a female contact of standard type which is configured to receive a corresponding male contact (42) on a cable (24) from said desk or floor loudspeaker (18), wherein said third contact member (33) is a male contact of standard type which is configured to be plugged into a corresponding female contact (43) which constitutes the microphone input terminal of the computer (16) and wherein said fourth contact member (34) is a female contact of standard type which is configured to receive a corresponding male contact (44) on a cable (38) from said separate microphone (36).

8. A unit (10) according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the switching member (20) is arranged to be manually switched by the user between said first and second switching states.

9. A unit (10) according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the switching member (20) is arranged to be automatically switched between said first and second switching states.

10. A computer system comprising a unit (10) according to any of the preceding claims and said computer (16) with at least one loudspeaker which can be a desk or floor loudspeaker (18) or which can be built-in in the computer (16).